



## FEARING POND

PLYMOUTH

AREA = 24 ACRES

X-MAXIMUM DEPTH = 20 FT.

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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### **(Plymouth)**

#### **General Information:**

This 24-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 10 feet and a maximum depth of 20 feet. Transparency is good at 13 feet, the bottom is mainly sand with some rubble, and aquatic vegetation is sparse.

Fearings Pond is located in the southern section of Myles Standish State Forest. The shoreline is wooded with some development in the form of summer cottages, a swimming beach and campground areas. Access to the pond is obtained through the state forest. From Route 3 south, take exit 5 (Long Pond Road) and follow signs to forest and Fearings pond. From Route 495 south, take Route 58 north, bear right onto Tremont Street, right onto Cranberry Road, and go past the forest headquarters to Fearings Pond Road. Access for shore fishing or launching of canoes and car top boats is available through several points over the beach areas.

This pond has been reclaimed five times: 1955, 1959, 1962, 1966 and 1970. It has had recurrent acidity problems, and was treated with limestone in 1971 (15 tons), 1982 (12 tons) and 1991 (8 tons). The limestone treatments provide only temporary relief from acidity, but with continued monitoring and periodic input of limestone, the pond can be maintained to support its present fish populations.

#### **Fish Populations:**

Fearings Pond was most recently surveyed in the summer of 1992 to determine the holdover status of stocked trout. Brook trout were found to be holding over in the deeper sections of the pond, most likely over springholes (the pond is fed by groundwater only). Yellow perch were the most abundant fish species observed. The pond also contains largemouth bass, sunfish and banded killifish.

#### **Fishing:**

Fearings Pond is managed as a catchable trout pond and is heavily stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It is the only pond in the Myles Standish State Forest that is stocked with trout. Trout are the primary species of interest to fishermen, although yellow perch, sunfish and largemouth bass will certainly provide some action to those who choose to pursue them.

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